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TWO INDICTED FOR \$500,000 FRAUDULENT BILLING SCHEME

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **JEFFREY TODD MOORE**, 40 years of age, of Louisville, Kentucky, and **RODNEY LEE BLACKBURN**, 40 years of age, of Louisville, Kentucky, with one count of engaging in a conspiracy to commit mail fraud against the defendants' former employer, Hussung Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

According to the Indictment, between January 1998, and March 2002, while employed as project managers with Hussung Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Moore and Blackburn, caused their employer to pay over \$500,000 for parts, supplies and equipment purportedly furnished to job sites operated by Hussung Mechanical Contractors, Inc., which, according to the Indictment, were never supplied to the job sites in question. The defendants approved payment by Hussung Mechanical Contractors, Inc. on invoices, fraudulently inflated by the inclusion of charges for parts, supplies, and equipment which the defendants knew were never furnished to the jobs in question. The Indictment charges that proceeds derived from the scheme were channeled to BD Sales & Service, Inc., a company secretly owned and operated by Moore and Blackburn, and thereafter expended by both defendants for their personal benefit and gain.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,0000 fine,

and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Lesousky, and it was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Moore and **Blackburn** are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on January 23, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in United States District Court in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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